

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 24.2 L 11.5	H 22.7 L 09.3	H 26.8 L 12.5	H 23.8 L 09.7	H 24.9 L 08.5	H 22.0 L 09.2	H 25.0 L 10.5	H 25.5 L 09.6	H 25.5 L 15.6

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, said the Met office. Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over river basins and light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country during midnight till morning. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:42pm and rises tomorrow at 06:41am. Highest and lowest temperature recorded in some major cities and towns today were:

SSC EXAMINATION Never said would block Facebook

Says Nahid
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday told parliament that the government never had any plan to block Facebook or any other social media platform during public examinations to check question leaks.

"We never said that we would block Facebook during the SSC examinations. We don't have the authority [over Facebook] either," the minister said this while responding to a supplementary question from opposition lawmaker Peer Fazlur Rahman.

Replying to another query, Nahid said question papers used to be leaked from the BG Press, but those "don't leak from the BG press [anyone] as various measures have been taken there."

However, after getting the question papers at exam centres, some teachers leak those via social media, he said. "We have failed to stop question paper leaks on the Facebook and other social media."

"That's why we've been discussing the matter with the Bangladesh

Telecommunication Regulatory Commission [BTRC] to address the issue."

The BTRC has informed the education ministry that a number of methods are used to leak question papers and they (BTRC) would be vigilant during the exams so they can report anything suspicious to the ministry, the education minister said.

"If they [BTRC] detect anything like this during the exams, they would inform us immediately for taking measures," he added.



An excavator removing concrete blocks from Patenga sea beach in Chittagong as part of the construction of a 15.5-km Outer Ring Road. Once constructed, the road -- starting from Fauzdarhat to the sea beach -- is expected to serve as a shield against natural disasters and reduce the pressure of traffic on the city roads. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Police plan big

Three-year strategic plan includes promoting forensic investigation, increasing strength and resources

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have planned to reduce dependence on the existing oral testimony by this year and promote scientific and forensic method of investigation to increase the conviction rate, which is now below 20 percent.

The goals were disclosed while unveiling a three-year strategic plan 2018-20 at the Rajarbagh Police Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

"Presently, the detection of crime is one of the core functions of police which is largely based on oral [testimony] and hardly corroborated by forensic evidence. Detection procedure is traditional which earns less than 20 percent conviction rate," the plan reads.

For the proper forensic support in investigation, police will establish forensic units at all divisional headquarters by December 2019, according

to the strategic plan.

As part of the plan, police will establish six new metropolitan units in Gazipur, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Narayanganj, Comilla and Bogra by June next year, to ensure better policing in those areas.

In addition, some new police units, including Guard and Protection Battalion, aviation and cyber police, will be formed within December 2020.

The plan further includes upgrading central police hospital from existing 250 beds to 500 beds with ICU facilities by June 2020, and establishing 13 new divisional police hospitals within December next year.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal was present in the unveiling programme as the chief guest with Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque in the chair.

The home minister said strategic plan is a framework, through which

police can apply its strength and resources to explore the available opportunities and confront threats and challenges in realising its vision.

PHQ Deputy Inspector General (operation) Mahbubur Rahman said manpower of the Bangladesh Police has exceeded 2,00,000 at this point of time, but police-people ratio is still 1:816.

The strategic plan intends to have more manpower for the organisation by December 2020.

For detection and prevention of crimes, the plan aims to install CCTV in vulnerable and strategic points, and establish witness management desks by June 2019.

Police will also develop tools to monitor social media and online radicalisation materials along with anti-terrorism operational squads in all metropolitan police units by June 2020. Presently, only the Dhaka

Metropolitan Police (DMP) has the anti-terrorism operational squads including SWAT, sniper, bomb disposal and canine squads.

Although police take strategic plan at intervals of three years but this is the first time they made their strategic plan public. According to this plan, police will use maximum technological support -- for instance, digital crime map and intelligence management -- to investigate cases.

IGP Shahidul said during the tenure of the incumbent government, a lot of capacity-building initiatives have been taken to increase the strength of police, resulting in success in combating crimes, especially militancy and terrorism.

Now a new strategic plan has been taken and it, if successfully implemented, will take Bangladesh Police to a new height, said the police chief.

NEWS IN brief

SC launches book on 47 public interest litigation verdicts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A book titled "Jonosarthe Mamlar Ray" containing 47 judgments of public interest litigations delivered by Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court was launched yesterday.

The book, which was published by Hakkani Publishers, was launched at a ceremony organised by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh in the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium.

Former chief justice Md Tafazul Islam, eminent jurists Barrister M Amir-Ul Islam, Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Advocate ABM Nurul Islam, SCBA President Advocate Zainul Abedin, HRPB President Advocate Manzill Murshid and Barrister Moksadul Islam spoke on the occasion.

Some High Court judges and SC lawyers also attended the function.

Chinese education exhibition held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Yunnan Higher Education Exhibition 2018 was held at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novo Theatre in the capital yesterday.

The daylong exhibition was inaugurated by Social Welfare Minister Rashed Khan Menon and organised by Yunnan Provincial Department of Education, China.

A total of 16 universities of Yunnan province took part in the exhibition.

It is part of a "Belt and Road" project, initiated by the Chinese government to develop mutual collaboration and stability among its neighbouring countries.

The organisers say students can avail full scholarship by enrolling in universities of China.

The exhibition offered assistance in networking for universities and education agents and was followed by a seminar.

Mohammed Ishaque passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mohammed Ishaque, a renowned newspaper agent in Chittagong, passed away at a hospital in the capital on Saturday, said a press release. He was 70.

He was suffering from old age complications and was undergoing treatment at Apollo Hospital.

He left behind his wife, three sons, five daughters, a host of relatives and well wishers to mourn his death.

Mohammed Ishaque, also the president of Dhaka Songbadpotro Kallyan Bohumukhi Somobai Somiti, was buried at family graveyard after the Asr prayers yesterday.



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"Re-invitation for International Tender"

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division.
02. Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. (APSC).
03. Procuring Entity Name	: Managing Director, APSC.
04. Procuring Entity Code	: Not used at present.
05. Procuring Entity District	: Brahmanbaria.
06. Invitation for	: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 03 Phase Auto Transformer 100/150 MVA, 240/140/33 KV for APSC.
07. Invitation Ref No	: APSC/Pro-01/2018/167
08. Date	: January 28, 2018.
KEY INFORMATION	
09. Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method (International Competitive Tender).
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10. Budget & Source of Fund	: APSC's Own Fund.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
11. Tender Package No.	: GRF-017.
12. Tender Package Name	: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 03 Phase Auto Transformer 100/150 MVA, 240/140/33 KV for APSC.
13. Tender Publication Date	: January 29, 2018.
14. Tender Last Selling Date	: Up to March 07, 2018 during office hour.
15. Tender Closing Date & Time	: March 08, 2018 at 12:00 BST.
16. Tender Opening Date & Time	: March 08, 2018 at 12:15 BST.
Name & Address of the Offices:	
17. Selling Tender Document (Principal)	: Manager (Finance), APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3402, Bangladesh.
Selling Tender Document (Others)	: The office of the Company Secretary, Corporate Office of APSC, Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-08), 185, Shaheed Sayeed Nazrul Islam Sarani, Palton, and Dhaka.
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18. Receiving of Tender	: The office of the Company Secretary, Corporate Office of APSC, Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-08), 185, Shaheed Sayeed Nazrul Islam Sarani, Palton, and Dhaka.
Opening of Tender	: The office of the Company Secretary, Corporate Office of APSC, Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-08), 185, Shaheed Sayeed Nazrul Islam Sarani, Palton, and Dhaka.
Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional):	: At APSC's Conference Room on February 17, 2018 (10.00 am), Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
19. Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	: Renowned Manufacturer/Supplier having similar experience of supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Transformer as specified in the Tender Document.
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22. Price of Tender Document (Taka)	: BDT 3,000.00 (Three thousand) in the form of Pay order/DD in favor of APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh (Non-refundable).
23. Identification of Lot	: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 03 Phase Auto Transformer 100/150 MVA, 240/140/33 KV for APSC.
Location of Delivery	: 230/132 KV Switchyard of APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.
Tender Security	: BDT 25,000.00 Or USD 31,000.00
Completion time	: 270 days from the date of opening L/C as per schedule of requirements.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
24. Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender	: Md. Rafiquddaulla, Manager (Procurement), APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3402, Bangladesh.
25. Address of official Inviting Tender	: Ashuganj Power Station Co. Ltd., Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.
26. Contact details of official Inviting Tender	: Tel: +88 08528 74033 Fax: +88 08528 74044. E-mail: procurement@apsc.com, Website: www.apsc.com
27. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings without assigning any reason thereof.	

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Private primary teachers

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demand as they, like all other teachers, also contribute to the nation-building activities.

Several hundred teachers, under the banner of Bangladesh Besarkari Prathomik Shikkhak Samity, a platform of private primary teachers, started a sit-in on January 21, and then a "symbolic hunger strike" the next day in front of the press club to press home their demand.

According to the agitating primary teachers, the government nationalised 26,193 primary schools that were established before May 9 of 2012 following the announcement in this regard by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on January 9, 2013.

But around 4,000 primary institutions were not nationalised despite fulfilling all the conditions, said Mamunur Rashid, president of the platform. "We have fulfilled all the conditions... Our students also participate in primary terminal examination every year. But we are left out," he said.

He said committees were formed at district and upazila levels to recommend the primary schools, which were to be included in the nationalisation process.

"But our turn did not come. We are leading inhumane lives," Mamunur said. "We will continue the strike till our demand is met."

Community health workers

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CHCPs on Thursday, and offered them that the community clinics would be operated under an autonomous body.

"In this case, they will get salaries and other benefits like those of the government jobs. Yet, they are holding demonstrations. This is unexpected."

Operations of the community clinics under an autonomous body will bring more flexibility and dynamism in its services, Dr Azad said.

Suman Matbar said if they are not brought under the revenue budget, there are risks that the community clinics would close with the change of regime.

Court wants probe report

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five "militants" gave confessional statements before magistrates on different dates.

In their statements, the militants, now behind the bars, said they were directly involved with the heinous offences, court sources said.

The arrestees are Hasnat Reza Karim, an ex-teacher of North South University; Mizanur Rahman alias Boro Mizan, an active JMB operative; Zahangir Alam alias Rajib Gandhi, one of the "key planners" of the attack; Rakibul Hasan alias Regan, and "Neo JMB" militant Sohel Mahfuz, who supplied grenades used in the Gulshan attack, and "Neo JMB" militant Aslam Hossain alias Rash, "arms trainer" of the Gulshan café attackers.

Gunmen stormed the Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's Gulshan diplomatic zone on July 1, 2016, and killed 20 hostages, mostly foreign nationals. Two police officials were also killed during the 12-hour hostage standoff.

Later, a case under the Anti-Terrorism Act was filed with Gulshan Police Station in this regard.

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